

Veteran Gallaudet leader delays retirement to tackle project

After working 23 years for Gallaudet, Dr. Mervin Garretson was looking forward to retiring this spring along with his wife, Carol, an assistant professor with the University's Department of Communication Arts.

Carol went ahead with her plans, but she had to retire alone. Her husband is staying on with the University until next August to help Gallaudet face what



Dr. Mervin Garretson

many people here call one of the most ambitious undertakings in its history.

Garretson has agreed to be the coordinator of The Deaf Way, a challenging project that, for the first time, will bring deaf cultures from around the world to Gallaudet and other places in Washington for a celebration next July 9-14. At the request of President King Jordan, he has also agreed to retain the position he has held for the past 10 years as special assistant to the president.

"I had no idea that I would be taking on this job," Garretson said of the conference coordinator's position. "I had already decided to stay on to help King because I felt that with so many administrators moving on to other jobs, I should remain and assist the new president.

"I was, however, serving The Deaf Way as a member of its organizing committee. When the previous coordinator, Dr. Michael Karchmer, approached me and proposed that I take the coordinator's job because he had just been appointed interim dean for Graduate Studies and Research, and because he felt that a deaf person

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Family Learning Vacation attendees share goal of helping their children

The families come from all across the country, and from as far away as Israel. Some of them are small, with only one child, while others have as many as seven hearing impaired children. Some know sign language; others don't. Some of the children are hearing/vision impaired; others have multiple handicaps.

But the families—more than 75 of them—who began flocking to Gallaudet in June to attend a Family Learning Vacation on campus all have some things in common: They are concerned about their children; they want to learn more about deafness; and they'll leave Gallaudet after a week with greater confidence and many more skills to help their families function in a more positive way.

Gallaudet has been hosting Family Learning Vacations for 13 years, and interest in the program continues to grow. This year, more than 250 family members are participating in six learning vacations sponsored by the National Academy.

"It's a wonderful experience for participants to come to Gallaudet and see their children for the first time in an environment where their situation is the standard," said Margery Miller, director of the Family Learning Vacations and

coordinator of the Family Life Program in the National Academy. "The child becomes the guide for the family."

The Family Learning Vacations began June 26 and continue through Aug. 6. Families with deaf children in different age groups can come for specific weeks; there's also a special week for parents of hearing/vision impaired children, and another for families who want an intensive experience with sign language.

For the first time this year, a Family Learning Vacation was offered for families with hearing impaired children who have additional handicapping conditions other than impaired vision. The program, co-sponsored by the National Academy and the Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia Campus, was for children whose disabilities—including retardation, emotional disturbance, language disability, or cerebral palsy—fall in the mild to moderate range.

"Many parents of these children have been expressing the notion that they don't fit in anywhere. They're not even sure they fit in here," said Miller. "We've stressed that they don't have to have identical needs to form a cohesive group."

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Gallaudet President King Jordan testifies June 23 before the Senate Subcommittee on Communications in support of bill S. 2221 introduced by Sen. John McCain (R-Az.) that would require TDDs to be present in all federal agencies.

Jordan announces appointments of assistants to president, provost

Special assistants to Gallaudet President King Jordan and acting Provost Ann Davidson were appointed recently by Dr. Jordan.

Dr. Bette Martin, who replaced Jordan on a temporary basis as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences after he became president, has accepted a newly created position of special assistant to the president. She will serve on a part-time basis until a new dean of Arts and Sciences is selected, which may be by early August, Martin said.

Dr. Mervin Garretson is also continuing his duties as Special Assistant to the President until his retirement in August 1989.

Jerald Jordan, an instructor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, has agreed to postpone his pending retirement to work for the provost to develop an improved data system on the University's student population.

President Jordan said that Martin's duties will be to assist him in daily operations in the president's office, to keep the campus informed about decisions made that affect the Gallaudet community, and to work on special projects—the first of which is to head the planning committee for University Week, slated for Oct. 17-21.

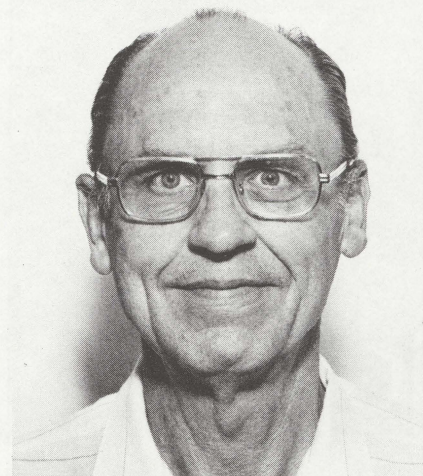
"I'm really excited," Martin said of her new job. "I'm looking forward to supporting and fostering the renewed sense of community energy that we have on this campus."

Jordan, who served as director of records management until he went back to teaching mathematics a year ago, said that he hopes to make information about students "more accessible to those who need it, especially advisers

and faculty. I also want to help faculty make better use of the resources available to them."



Dr. Bette Martin



Jerald Jordan



Ed Waterstreet, a former actor with the National Theatre of the Deaf, works with two theater students at MSSD's 1987 Summer Institute in the Performing Arts.

MSSD's Summer Arts Institute Features Wide Array of Offerings

Theater, video, and dance institutes are all being offered at MSSD's second Summer Institute in the Performing Arts, sponsored by MSSD's Performing Arts Department.

Several well-known deaf actors will be returning to campus to work with the theater institute, being held July 18-Aug. 5. They include Ed Waterstreet, recognized for his performance in the Emmy award winning television program "Love is Never Silent"; Linda Bove of "Sesame Street" fame; and Shanny Mow, a fellow member of the National Theatre of the Deaf, who is directing the program.

Students in the theater institute will receive training in movement, scene interpretation, character development, and creative sign language. They will also attend local professional performances and visit theaters and museums.

In addition to the theater program, institutes in dance and video are being offered in cooperation with the Merce Cunningham Dance Studio in New York and Gallaudet's Department of TV, Film, and Photography.

Susan Emery and other instructors from the Merce Cunningham Studio will provide intensive dance training during the dance institute to be held July 18-Aug. 5. Participants will produce short dance pieces demonstrating the technique and will attend local dance and theater performances.

The video institute, which runs from July 11 through Aug. 5 is being offered for the first time this year for college and university television and film majors. The session, headed by Gene Weiss of the University of Maryland, focuses on dance video techniques. Video students will develop a 30 minute documentary of the dance institute to help encourage high schools, colleges, and professional arts organizations to include deaf people in their programs.

The institutes have received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Eleanor Dana Charitable Trust. All institutes are open to both hearing and hearing impaired students age 15 or older.

For additional information, call Betsy Meynardie at x5466.

Garretson coordinates conference

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should be heading the conference, I agreed."

It is his task to coordinate the efforts of a paid staff plus the 70 University faculty and staff members who have volunteered their time to make the conference a success.

The Deaf Way committee leaders project that at least 2,000 people will travel from around the globe to attend the conference. And although the affair is still a full year away, planners are faced with the monumental tasks of raising funds, setting up lodging for the participants, arranging interpreting services, and scheduling activities. A committee is presently screening proposed activities that range from lectures and workshops to painting and sculpture exhibits, movies, mime actors, and folk dancing. The first conference bulletin listing the presentations will go out to the public this month.

"It is definitely a challenge, especially keeping contact with international groups," said Garretson. "Sometimes I wonder if I am biting off too big a chunk—it really is a bit overwhelming."

But Garretson feels confident that he can meet the responsibilities of the job. "I have been involved in international activities for the past 20 years. I've attended world congresses on deafness since 1967, and have coordinated my

share of national forums." Everything is proceeding on schedule, he noted.

Garretson said another reason that he chose to become involved in The Deaf Way is because of its vital meaning to deaf people around the world, and to Gallaudet.

"This will be a landmark conference. It is extremely important to deaf people, particularly in light of the recent Deaf President Now protest and the growing interest in deaf culture and sign language in different parts of the world," he said. "There are some very interesting cultures who will be represented at the conference, and I just hope that many of the Third World countries will be able to participate."

Senate opening for *In Der Nacht*

In Der Nacht: Visions of Deaf Survivors of Nazi Oppression, a chilling photo-narrative exhibit chronicling the ordeals of the deaf Jewish community living under Nazi rule during World War II, will open in the Russell Senate Office Building Rotunda July 18 for a four-day viewing from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Gallaudet President King Jordan is expected to give the exhibit's opening address at an invitation-only reception from 5-7 p.m. in the rotunda.

In Der Nacht was formerly on display in Gallaudet's Chapel Hall this spring.

The Senate Office Building is located at C St. and Delaware Ave. NE in Washington, D.C.

Families learn together in class

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Parents in all the groups participate in sign language classes, lectures, workshops, discussion groups, and recreational activities. Both deaf children and their hearing siblings participate in a variety of activities, according to their age groups, and there's plenty of time for the parents and children to interact and play together. Assessment screenings in psychology, speech-language pathology, and audiology are also available for the children.

Although parents learn many things during the week, two are of paramount importance, according to Miller. First, they learn to develop confidence in their own parenting ability. Second, they learn the importance of good communication.

Many parents of deaf children are just learning about deafness, Miller explained. "Initially, they view deafness as a handicapping condition. But when they see deaf people having a say in the University, the parents are more confident in their ability to view their child's future in a positive way."

Announcement

"Teaching English as a Second Language to Deaf Students," a three-day workshop taught by Gallaudet English instructor Jan Gemmill, will be held on campus July 18-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gallaudet employees may attend for a reduced tuition of \$25. Sponsored by the College for Continuing Education's Extension and Summer Programs, the workshop offers participants 1.8 CEUs. For more information, call Extension and Summer Programs at x5551.

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'Deaf Mosaic' nets two Emmys

"Deaf Mosaic," a production of Gallaudet's Department of TV, Film, and Photography, recently received two Emmy awards from the Washington chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The Emmys were given to recognize the individual achievements of the program's two hosts: Gil Eastman, a professor in the Department of Theatre Arts, and Mary Lou Novitsky, an associate producer with TV, Film, and Photography.

"It demonstrates that the efforts of the entire 'Deaf Mosaic' team have been recognized by our peers in the broadcast community," said Dr. Marin Allen,

executive producer of the magazine program for and about hearing impaired people, and chairwoman of the Department of TV, Film, and Photography.

"Deaf Mosaic," now in its fourth year of production, is shown three times a week on the Discovery Channel, a national cable television network available in more than 30 million homes. In addition, the program can be seen on nearly 100 Public Broadcast Systems' affiliated stations and selected cable television systems throughout the United States, Canada, and Japan.

This is the second consecutive year that "Deaf Mosaic" has received Emmy awards.

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